

# MINUTES

## Workforce Connection

Of Central New Mexico

## Youth Council

Thursday, September 8, 2005

4:00 pm

Mid-Region Council of Governments

**Call to Order-** 4:11- by Mary Lee Martin

**Roll Call and Determination of Quorum-** Patrick Newman

### Present

Mary Lee Martin

Marty Mondragon

Yolanda Garcia representing Tom Savage

### Excused

Susan Brower

Sandy Bowman

Bob Davey

John Dantis

Helen Lopez

Gwen Manfre

Maria Rinaldi

Emily Salazar

John Sapien

*(No quorum; therefore, the agenda moved to Discussion Items)*

Tab 2. **Monthly Expenditure Report-** Jan Borchardt

*(Dewey Cave introduced Patrick Newman as the new WIA Administrator, replacing Adrienne R. Smith)*

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

Tab 3. **About Face! Status Report-** by Patrick Newman

- On behalf of the WCCNM, MRCOG has requested funding from OWTD to implement the About Face! youth mentorship program.
- Len Malry, Deputy Executive Director of the OWTD will be contacting Mr. Newman by Friday with the final amount being offered by OWTD.
- A meeting will be scheduled between Paxen, YDI and staff, to determine the plan for the upcoming months should OWTD grant the funding request.
- This issue is ongoing and the Council will continue to be updated as the status of the program.

**Questions and Comments Followed**

Tab 4. **Out-of-School Youth Program-** by Patrick Newman and Concha Cordova

- The Youth Council concurred with the review committee's recommendation to award a contract to YDI for four months, ending June 30, 2005 to implement an Out-of-School Youth program to help youth receive their GEDs, and through this, provide their areas with community service.
- At the June 9, 2005 Youth Council Meeting, the Council approved a recommendation to extend this contract for an additional two month period ending August 31, 2005 and allocated \$20,00 for this extension.
- Ms. Cordova explained the Out-of-School Youth program and the progress that was made in the four counties.
- There were four GED sites that were developed by YDI: Bernalillo, Torrance, Sandoval and Valencia; each site has either a full-time or part-time instructor with varying class times.
- 58 students were served through this program and 51 were placed on a waiting list; due to the end of the program funding these 51 youth were referred to other services.

**Questions and Comments Followed**

Tab 5. **Performance Measures Update-** by Ramona Chavez

- Ramona Chavez gave the Council a brief performance report of the WCCNM program. The WCCNM is meeting or exceeding all negotiated performance measures.
- Staff will continue to update the Council on performance.

**REPORTS**

- **Administrative Reports-**
  - The WCCNM Planning Retreat is scheduled for September 22, 2005; a notice will be emailed to the Youth Council
  - WCCNM successfully transitioned TANF and is working on co-locating and integrating the programs; Belen will be the first county to co-locate.
  - Staff would like to thank Concha Cordova for all her hard work.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/ADJOURNMENT**

**Public Comment-** None

**Adjournment-** 5:10 pm

**NOTES**

**Next Meeting:**

**Date:** October 13, 2005

**Time:** 4:00 pm

**Location:** Mid-Region Council of Governments

